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1. VIEW HOPEFUL INDICATIONS REFTEL B AND SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION LOCALLY ON AUDIENCE INTERESTS, BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MARVIN GAYE. HOPE VERY MUCH SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR HIS TRIP CAN BE GENERATED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. OUR INFORMATION NOW SUGGESTS THAT SINGER QUARTET WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO TO TYPE OF AUDIENCE ANTICIPATED FOR U.S. DAY.

2. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED DECISION OF BANK OF GHANA DENYING PERMISSION FOR CURRENCY EXCHANGE TO PAY GAYE IN DOLLARS FROM GHANAIAN COMMERCIAL APPEARANCES. THIS EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATES COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP AS POTENTIAL SOURCE OF SUPPORT AND REQUIRES THAT GAYE BE TOTALLY PAID FROM U.S. RESOURCES.

3. IF POTENTIAL SUPPORT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THIS, REQUEST ONE MORE EFFORT BY DEPARTMENT TO FIND ENTERTAINER WHO, ON MODEST FINANCIAL SCALE (I.E. NO BIG BACK-UP REQUIREMENT) CAN PROVIDE EXAMPLE OF FIRST RATE AND APPROPRIATE AMERICAN TALENT AND ARTISTRY. A COUNTRY/WESTERN SINGER WITH ONE ACCOMPANIST OR

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EVEN OWN GUITAR WOULD BE EXAMPLE, ESPECIALLY AS THEME

OF U.S. EXHIBIT AND U.S. DAY AFFAIR WILL BE WESTERN.

4. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WITHDRAWS REQUEST REFTEL A
FOR CONSIDERATION USE OF HAL SINGER QUARTET AND WISHES
EXPRESS ITS GREAT APPRECIATION TO ARS PARIS FOR EFFORTS.
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